

**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
UNSAFE STRUCTURES BOARD MINUTES
CITY HALL, CITY COMMISSION CHAMBERS, FIRST FLOOR
100 NORTH ANDREWS AVENUE
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016 3:00 P.M.**

<u>Board Members</u>	<u>Attendance</u>	Cumulative Attendance 10/15 through 9/16	
Thornie Jarrett, Chair	P	5	0
John Phillips, Vice Chair	A	2	3
John Barranco [arrived 3:07]	P	4	1
Joe Crognale	P	4	1
Pat Hale	P	4	1
Don Larson	P	5	0
Ian Seitel	P	4	1
Michael Weymouth	P	5	0
Steve Williams [arrived 3:07]	P	3	0

Staff Present

Porshia Goldwire, Clerk, Unsafe Structures Board
Deanna Bojman, Secretary, Unsafe Structures Board
Diana Cahill, Administrative Aide
Alejandro DelRio, Building Inspector
George Oliva, Chief Building Inspector
Rhonda Hasan, Assistant Attorney
Jamie Oppерlee, ProtoType Inc. Recording Clerk

Witnesses and Respondents

CE16011362: Bradford Cohen, attorney (Mr. Cohen arrived after the meeting adjourned.)

Communication to the City Commission

None.

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<u>Case Number</u>	<u>Respondent</u>	<u>Page</u>
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	400 NE 12 AV	
Disposition:	The Board found the violations existed as cited and ordered the owner to demolish the building within 28 days or the City will. Board approved 8-0.	
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The regular meeting of the Unsafe Structures Board convened at 3:00 p.m. in the first Floor Commission Chambers, City Hall, 100 North Andrews Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.

Approval of meeting minutes

Motion made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Mr. Seitel, to approve the minutes of the Board's March 2016 meeting. In a voice vote, motion passed unanimously.

Board members disclosed communication they had regarding any case on the agenda.

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CE16011362

Robert W. Jessen Estate

400 NE 12 Ave.

This case was first heard on 3/7/16, when a continuance was granted until 4/21/16. Violations and notice were as noted in the agenda.

Inspector DelRio displayed photos showing the current condition of the property. He said the property was vacant and unguarded as of his last visit on 4/20/16. He noted substantial deterioration of the siding, roof, exterior walls and other structural members. It was the opinion of the Building Official that the property was unsafe and constituted a fire and windstorm hazard.

Mr. Williams and Mr. Barranco arrived at 3:07.

Inspector DelRio requested the Board find for the City that the violations existed as cited and to order the property owner to have the building demolished and removed from the property within 30 days or the City would do so at the owner's expense.

Inspector DelRio pointed out that the wood behind the siding and the roof deck was severely deteriorated by exposure and termite damage. He said it was beyond repair. Inspector DelRio stated the trash in the building presented a fire hazard.

Inspector DelRio informed the Board that some of the siding had been patched since the last hearing but no significant work had been done. He said the neighbors were very concerned about the fire and storm hazard the building presented, especially with hurricane season approaching.

Ms. Hasan reported there had been no progress with the probate case since December 2015. Stephanie Toothaker, attorney, had been present at the last meeting to request a continuance, stating her client would be appointed the legal representative within a week. This had not happened.

Motion made by Mr. Larson, seconded by Ms. Hale to find the violations exist as cited and to order the owner to demolish the property within 28 days or the City will. In a roll call vote, motion passed 8-0.

Board Discussion

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The Board discussed the status of cases for which they had ordered demolition and Ms. Goldwire said Board members had been provided a report a few months ago and there was no current backlog. Mr. Weymouth requested this report be included with the Board's packet each month.

Communication to the City Commission

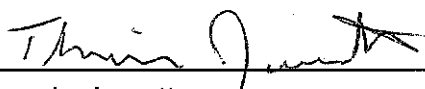
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None

Adjournment

Thereupon, with no additional business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 3:14 PM.


Chair:



Thornie Jarrett

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Attest:



ProtoType Inc

Any written public comments made 48 hours prior to the meeting regarding items discussed during the proceedings have been attached hereto.

[Minutes prepared by Jamie Opperee, Prototype, Inc.]